

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Customer Advisory
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Subject: Japan 24 hour Advance Manifest Filing Rule (JP24 AFR)

Purpose: Provide guidance for cargo destined to Japanese Ports

Be Advised: Effective 9 March 2014, vessel operator or non-vessel operating common carrier (NVOCC) are required to electronically submit to Japan Customs information on all shipments discharging at Japan Ports no later than 24 hrs prior to vessel sail from Seaport of Embarkation (SPOE).

Guidance:

Effective immediately, all shippers must submit shipping instructions (SI) for cargo at least 72 hrs prior to scheduled vessel sail from SPOE. Failure to comply with guidance will cause cargo to be frustrated and possible missed Required Delivery Date (RDD) until receipt of SI.

1. At a minimum, the shipping instructions/Advanced Transportation Control and Movement Data (ATCMD) must include the following information:
 - a) Name, address, and POC information of Shipper (Consignor)
 - b) Name, address, and POC information of Receiver (Consignee)
 - c) In-the-clear cargo description (general description will not be accepted)
 - d) Quantity and type packages
 - e) Cargo gross weight
 - f) Container Number (for containers only)
 - g) Seal Number (for containers only)
 - h) IMDG and UN code when applicable
 - i) Harmonized System Code (HSC) (**DOD shipments on GBL 0001-00**)
2. Direct Book shippers are advised to annotate the data elements noted in #1 above in the Container Remarks Section of the SI or Carrier's Notes Section when completing the booking request on the individual carrier's website.
3. Shippers are instructed to note the HSC information in the Remarks Section in the Shipping Instructions or ATCMD data field with "**DOD shipments on GBL 0001-00**".

4. HSC information is applicable for all DOD shipments (general, HHG/POV, FMS, sensitive/ammo, etc.) discharging at Japan Ports.

5. Transportation Service Providers (TSP) are instructed to note "**DOD shipments on GBL 0001-00**" as the HSC information for all DOD shipments.

6. Defense Transportation Regulation (DTR) Part V (Customs) will reflect this information in the next update to Chapter 511.

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